



# School News

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Time is perhaps the scariest force there is.

During stressful events we wish it would speed up, to take the stress away so we can move on to greener pastures. At other times it all goes just too fast. Graduation is one of those times. This year's Grade 6's although small in number have been a beautiful group of student's for our school. Like all year levels they are a wonderful mixture of personalities who have grown up together, since kinder in many cases, and learned vital life skills like acceptance, resilience and confidence alongside and because of each other.

I remember when they all started in 2013, giant hats and uniforms, and schoolbags that seemed as big as them. Those same bags now seem tiny on their shoulders as they get ready to set off on a new adventure where once again they will be the little ones at their school. Still, they are prepared. They have just spent 7 years at primary school going through a wide range of highs and lows preparing themselves for life events such as these. High school will bring another range of challenges, some that will be familiar to them and some for the first time.

So for the rest of the school, it is a time to reflect. Each student is on exactly the same path. Some are just starting and others are nearing the end but what I can guarantee is that the end will come sooner than you think. For me personally and like some other families, it is the end of an era. Our last child leaves Primary school this year and for me my last child leaves my place of work. I have been so fortunate to have spent the past 10 years sharing my workplace with my children and I thank our school community for the acceptance and care they showed during this time. 10 years of very happy memories, you can't get much better than that 😊

*Principal, Gene Vanderzalm*

## FAREWELL / WELCOME

As the year draws to a close, we say farewell and thank you to Penny Munday, Sarah Thurgood and Evie Dekker for their contribution to TVPS this year and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

In 2020 we welcome Rebecca Browne to the role of PE teacher and Sophie Callcott, who will increase her time here in the MARC library and other duties, to three days a week.

## LOST PROPERTY

As we are nearly at the end of the year, lost property will now be sorted. When we clean out the lost property:

- If named->returned
- Unnamed->displayed for students -> washed by parent volunteers-> sent to MACs

If you are missing uniform items, please check in the lost property baskets located in the shared space and the foyer of the Heritage building before the end of the week.

## CALENDAR

### This week 11/12 –18/12

- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Yr 6 Pool party  
consent/money due
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Yr 6 Graduation Evening  
5.30pm – students dinner  
7.00pm - presentations
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec-** End of Year Celebration
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Class parties/Yr 6 Pool party
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Christmas Bake up Day

### Upcoming

- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last day of term for students – 3.20 dismissal
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last day of term for staff (pupil free)

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The newsletter is compiled on Monday afternoons. All items need to be submitted by 2:20pm to be included.

## **CLASS PARTIES**



Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

## **CLASS OF 2020 UNIFORMS**

The uniforms have arrived and will be handed out to Year 5 students on Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **SCHOOL BANKING**

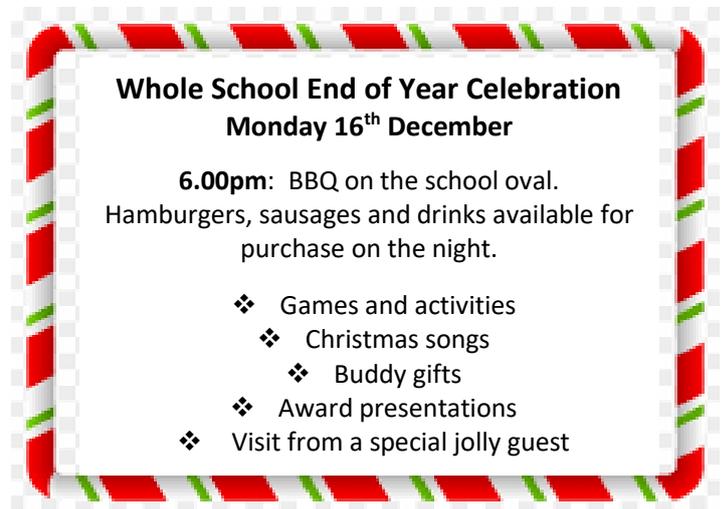
We would like to thank all of our students who have participated in the CommBank School Banking program this year. Last week was the final week of banking for 2019.

### **RUBBISH COMPETITION**

This week grade 3/4 R have had the least amount of rubbish in their bin which means they have won the prize of getting to make a beeswax wrap. Sadly we have run out of beeswax and that means that 3/4 R are not be able to make their beeswax wraps unless we can get someone to donate some beeswax and give 3/4 R the chance to have a waste free lunch or snack.

### **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES**

I would like to personally thank all the children and families who donated items for the Christmas Shoeboxes this year. This year our school classrooms filled 12 Shoeboxes! Together with the rest of the community, we filled 92 Shoeboxes! What an amazing effort! This year our boxes are going to children in need in the Phillipines. Once again thank you for your kindness and generosity. These boxes are received with so much joy and thankfulness!  
Danielle Lacy x



### **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

- 😊 **Indi D** for her effort to extend her friendship group at recess and lunch.
- 😊 **James J** for always being a kind and thoughtful friend and including others.
- 😊 **Sam N** for always giving great effort with all sporting activities.
- 😊 **Charlotte H** for thoughtfully applying new understandings when reading.
- 😊 **Braydon P** for using initiative to manage his learning time with independence.
- 😊 **Josie S** for being kind, a good friend and resilient.
- 😊 **Chloe S** for always offering assistance in class when an opportunity arises.



### **LAST WEEK'S YARD DRAW AWARD**

- 😊 **Penny C** for having a rubbish free lunchbox.

### **HOUSE POINTS**

**Weekly winner:** Wattle



## CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

### WHAT WE EXPECT AT TARWIN VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

- ❖ Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.
- ❖ We have zero tolerance of any abuse of children.
- ❖ We have policies and procedures in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children.
- ❖ There are clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with our students.
- ❖ The new Child Safe Standards go further than child protection arrangements did in the past.
- ❖ The Child Safe Standards apply to school staff, volunteers, contractors, visitors and students' family members.
- ❖ Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.
- ❖ We want to ensure you know how we are keeping your children safe at school, and how we would like you to support us.
- ❖ Unsupervised contractors will be asked about their child safety arrangements as a condition of working with us if they work with children enrolled in the school (or children can reasonably be expected to be present while they are at the school).

Please see further information on Child Safe Standards on our school website.

Community members are encouraged to raise any concerns about child abuse with the Principal or report directly